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LYON, Editor, and Proprietor, Bloomfield,  
N. J.FROM THE DECLARATION OF INDEPEND-  
ENCE.

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"When, in the course of human events,  
it becomes necessary for one people to dis-  
solve the political bonds which have con-  
nected them with another, and to assume  
among the powers of the earth the separate  
and equal station to which the laws of na-  
ture and of nature's God entitle them, a  
decent respect for the opinions of mankind  
requires that they should declare the causes  
which impel them to the separation.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident,  
that all men are created equal; that they  
are endowed by their Creator with certain  
unalienable rights; that among these are  
life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness;  
that to secure these rights, governments are  
instituted among men, deriving their just  
powers from the consent of the governed;  
that whenever any form of government be-  
comes destructive of these ends, it is the  
right of the people to alter or to abolish it,  
and to institute a new government, laying  
its foundation on such principles, and organ-  
izing its powers in such form, as to them  
shall seem most likely to effect their safety  
and happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dic-  
tate that governments long established should  
not be changed for light and transient  
causes; and accordingly all experience  
hath shown that mankind are more dis-  
posed to suffer, while evils are sufferable,  
than to right themselves by abolishing the  
forms to which they are accustomed. But  
when a long train of abuses and usurpations,  
pursuing invariably the same object,  
evinces a design to reduce them under  
absolute despotism, it is their duty, to  
throw off such government, and to provide  
new guards for their future security. Such  
has been the patient sufferance of these  
colonies; and such is now the necessity  
which constrains them to alter their former  
system of government. The history of the  
present King of Great Britain is a history  
of repeated injuries and usurpations, all  
having in direct object the establishment  
of an absolute tyranny over these states."

This Declaration of principles and senti-  
ments is then followed by a strong Bill of  
Indictment against George the Third, King  
of Great Britain, solemnly charging him,  
under twenty-seven distinct specifica-  
tions, of outrages such as no people with  
any pretensions to liberty and manhood  
could be justified in submitting to; and a  
complaint and warning against the British  
people, painfully concluding with the fol-  
lowing sentence:

"We must therefore acquiesce in the ne-  
cessity which denounces our separation,  
and hold them, as we hold the rest of  
mankind, enemies in war—in peace, friends."

This immortal document closes with the  
following declaration of the high purpose,  
firm resolve, and holy trust which gave  
birth and vigor to our favored country:

"We, therefore, the representatives of the  
United States of America, in General  
Congress assembled, appealing to the Su-  
preme Judge of the world for the rectitude  
of our intentions, do, in the name and by  
the authority of the good people of these  
colonies, solemnly publish and declare that  
these United Colonies are, and of right  
ought to be, free and independent states;  
that they are absolved from all allegiance  
to the British crown, and that all political  
connection between them and the state of  
Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally  
dissolved; and that, as free and independ-  
ent states, they have full power to levy  
war, conclude peace, contract alliances, es-  
tablish commerce, and do all other acts  
and things which independent states may  
of right do. And for the support of this  
declaration, with a firm reliance on the  
protection of Divine Providence, we mutu-  
ally pledge to each other our lives, our  
fortunes, and our sacred honor."

Among the fifty-six intrepid signers of  
this bold and determined Platform the five  
immortal names from our own State will  
ever be cherished by every true Jersey-  
man.

They are—RICHARD STOCKTON, JOHN  
WITHERSPON, FRANCIS HOPKINSON, JOHN  
HART, ABRAHAM CLARK.

Our country then embraced only

thirteen original patriotic States, poorly  
developed, with a population of only three  
million souls. During the century now  
nearly closed, it will have expanded in  
number of States to thirty-nine, three  
times the original number and area, and  
have swelled in population to nearly forty-  
five millions.

Its agricultural, manufacturing and  
commercial industries have developed nar-  
rowly; and its wealth has increased in  
proportion.

But the enlargement of territory, the  
multiplication of States, the enormous in-  
crease of population, and the augmenta-  
tion of wealth, were not the objects for  
which our forefathers abandoned their  
homes, country and friends; such motives  
could not have reconciled them to the  
trials and privations, exposures and suffer-  
ings of a pioneer life, and to the bloody  
sacrifices in a long and unequal struggle  
with the martined hosts of despotic pow-  
er. Their pursuit was happiness, with the  
unalienable rights of life and liberty.  
They intensely desired and inexorably de-  
manded a government of their own choos-  
ing, with equal rights and privileges,  
legally secured, and impartially adminis-  
tered. The rectitude of their intentions  
justified their reliance on Divine Provi-  
dence, and their mutual pledge to each  
other of life, fortune and honor, not only  
vindicated their sincerity, but also made  
them valiant and irrepensible.

They came out of the long war victors.  
Peace and independence were conquered and  
were assured.

Now it is well for us to consider what  
was accomplished. Other nations have  
been embroiled in wars, have fought and  
bled, and have conquered a peace. Italy  
did so, so did Germany. But how differ-  
ent the liberty of those peoples, from that  
which our citizens enjoy.

According to the American standard  
the elective franchise (or right of voting) is  
the first test of the liberty of the people.  
It is that which constitutes the citizen,  
identifying him with his government in  
voice and heart. Free speech and a free  
press, form another test of liberty. They  
unfetter the mind, ennoble the subject,  
and justify the mutual confidence of  
Ruler and citizen.

Now if these tests be applied, and the  
comparison be made between, even the two  
countries above named and the United  
States, and how resplendent do our lib-  
erties shine!

In Italy, notwithstanding the large lib-  
erty that nation enjoys in many respects,  
the right to vote has by no means as yet  
been granted to the people. We have good  
authority for saying that there are mem-  
bers of the Chamber of Deputies to whom  
election not more than twenty or thirty  
votes in all were cast! The so-called pop-  
ular elections are little more than hollow  
shams. In her most recent electoral lists  
only 328,932 names were written in a pop-  
ulation of nearly 27,000,000! Which is  
less than two per cent of the population.  
Contrast this with the suffrage in our  
country. In the United States, with a  
population of 40,000,000, the actual vote  
polled in the general election of 1872 was  
6,431,257, which fell far below the number  
of those who had the right to vote but  
who, from one cause and another, could  
not or did not exercise it. Making due  
allowance for the infirm, the sick, the ab-  
sent, the indifferent and we suppose the  
percentage of those enjoying the right of  
suffrage in this country to be at least NINE  
TIMES GREATER than in Italy. The com-  
parison of freedom of speech would doubt-  
less exhibit a more favorable aspect still for  
this country.

Without having data in respect to Ger-  
many and other countries at our command  
just now, we conclude that none of the  
countries of Continental Europe can make  
any just pretensions to rights of speech  
and of suffrage at all comparable to that  
enjoyed by every citizen in this favored  
land. The following paragraph recently  
dispatched by cable is appropos to our  
argument:

"Liberty of speech is not one of the  
blessings now enjoyed by Germany. A  
sentence of imprisonment for a year and a  
half has been passed upon a Deputy, Herr  
Moss, for certain speeches delivered by  
him at some meeting of working men.  
The most serious charge made against him  
was that he had denounced a standing  
army."

This priceless boon, of liberty and equal  
rights we have inherited from a noble  
ancestry, and if we mean to hand this rich  
legacy down to future generations, we  
must teach its value to our children and  
see that they understand and cherish it as  
a gift from heaven, entrusted to our keep-  
ing for the benefit of the human race, and  
more precious than life itself.

BRAZIL.—Brazil is rapidly taking the  
lead of all the States in South America.  
The country is full of engineers, manufac-  
turers, agriculturists, merchants and trav-  
elers, drawn thither by the manifold ad-  
vantages offered to them in their respective  
spheres by the enterprise of the sovereign  
and a sympathizing nation. In all geo-  
graphical and topographical publications  
Brazil is a standing theme, and new works  
from the pens of industrial and scientific  
men are continually leaving the press in  
various parts of the world. The empire  
is approaching political consolidation with  
great rapidity, and the national funds are  
regularly quoted on the London exchange.  
Exports and imports are increasing in a  
surprising manner, and the attention of  
both Europe and America is being directed  
in an increased degree to this land, so  
highly gifted by nature. The greatest  
blot on the current history of the nation,  
in the form of human slavery, is destined  
soon to be removed, by the active inter-  
cession of the Emperor for its total abolition.



## FOURTH JULY ITEMS.

There is to be a formal celebration of  
the Fourth at Hackensack, Rev. Dr.  
Bartine is to deliver the Oration.

THE GREAT BRIDGE—over the Missis-  
sippi at St. Louis is to be formally  
opened to day great pieces of fireworks  
it is said, from three to four hundred feet  
long, will go off. They are to contain  
"designs representing Washington, Missouri  
and Illinois shaking hands, flanked with  
the coat of arms of each State."

The East Orange Library Association  
have completed their arrangements for the  
celebration of our National Holidays. A  
band of music have been engaged and  
will perform selections of music at the  
Junction, beginning at 2 o'clock P. M., and  
lasting one hour. At 2 1/2 P. M., the fol-  
lowing exercises will take place at the Library  
rooms, National Hall, corner Main and  
Grove streets.

National Airs.....Military Band  
Prayer.....Rev. J. L. Danner  
Reading of a portion of the Declaration  
of Independence.....Prof. C. M. Davis  
Music.....Mrs. Lillie Devereux Blake  
Oration.....Mrs. Lillie Devereux Blake  
Band Benediction.....Rev. W. D. Hedden  
After the above exercises the band will  
give a concert until 6 P. M.

Verona has a celebration on the Fourth  
as mentioned in our last week's issue.

For the Saturday Gazette.

NEGLECTED.  
Messrs Editors:—I beg a small space  
in your columns to call the attention  
of the public to my melancholy fate. It  
is hard in one's old age to be de-  
serted by his friends and handed over  
to the neglect and contumely of an  
unappreciative public.

Many years ago I was very popu-  
lar—children looked forward to my  
coming with joyful anticipation and  
those more advanced in life were  
glad to see me appearing. But now the  
ladies are nervous and request me to  
be silent—the men whisper of Port-  
land and Chicago, and high rate of  
insurance, and even the children cast  
me aside for more recently formed  
acquaintances. And sirs, what are  
we coming to? Where will we see  
our boasted civilization? The Eagle  
from her mountain peak cries beware!  
The effete despots of Europe are  
looking with joy to see my fall! Inde-  
pendent day will dawn in vain when I am  
gone.

Speak out, Messrs Editors and save us  
from the overhanging fate and receive the  
thanks of your old friend, through ACKER.

This is the 19th birth-day of Miss Nel-  
lie Grant, now Mrs. Sartoris.

## OUR CHURCHES LAST SUNDAY.

The Rev. D. D. van Fremont and Frank-  
lin Streets, Bloomfield, exchanged pulpits  
on Sunday morning last, Rev. Dr. Kenne-  
dy officiating in the Baptist Church and  
Rev. Dr. Stubbart in Westminster.

Rev. Dr. Stubbart has a programme of  
six sermons for Sunday evenings in the  
Baptist church, on "Foot Prints of Jesus,"  
(1) In Bethlehem; (2) In the Temple in  
his infancy; (3) In Galilee in His Child-  
hood; (4) In the Temple among the  
Learned; (5) In Nazareth; (6) In the  
waters of the Jordan. The first two have  
been delivered, the third will be given on  
the 5th inst. to be followed in order by the  
others on successive Sunday evenings.

In Bloomfield on Sunday morning Rev.  
Mr. Mudge of Yonkers, N. Y., preached on  
Rev. v. 9, presenting Christ as the only  
solution of the mystery of life, and the  
only hope of man's redemption, exalta-  
tion and blessedness. It was a sermon  
abounding in eloquent passages and pre-  
sented the most encouraging hopes for the  
disciple of Jesus. He also preached in  
the evening.

The Children's Day at the Methodist  
church in Bloomfield last Sunday was one  
of unusual interest. A visitor, an intelli-  
gent Sunday School man, who was there  
in the morning, speaks of Rev. Mr. Free-  
man's address as the best thing of the kind  
he had ever heard. He also preached in  
the evening. Rev. Mr. Smith, of Mont-  
clair preached in the afternoon.

The church was elaborately decorated  
with flowers. It was a very enjoyable  
time to that congregation and to all con-  
nected with the Sunday School.

Rev. Dr. Campbell, President of Rut-  
ger's College preached last Sunday morn-  
ing in Dr. Berry's Church, Montclair. His  
text was John iii., 2—Except ye be born  
again ye cannot enter the Kingdom of God.  
A full house enjoyed the pleasure of listen-  
ing to one of the most simple, clear, suc-  
cinct, and impressive statements of the  
very essence and substance of the Christian  
doctrine of regeneration that was ever de-  
livered, we fancy, in an extemporaneous  
sermon of 25 minutes length. Faultless  
in its rhetoric, exact in its logic and forcible  
in its delivery, it was evident from the  
breathless attention of his congregation  
that they were both delighted and edified.

The Rev. Doctor and President also  
preached in the evening, by appointment,  
before the High School and in the presence  
of a large representation of all the church-  
es of Montclair. His discourse was a lucid  
exposition of Psalm xix., 6—The law of

the Lord is perfect converting the soul.  
His eloquent sentences, chaste oratory and  
energetic manner transfused his audience  
with his own convictions and could not  
fail to animate those ambitious students  
with noble and holy purposes.

Rev. Dr. Whitney, Pres. of the new In-  
stitute at Hackensack preached on Sab-  
bath morning last in the Methodist church  
here.

There is some talk of the organization of  
a Baptist Society in this town.

## HOME MATTERS.

## BLOOMFIELD.

## WEATHER CHRONICLE.

Range of Thermometer at Bloomfield Centre.  
June 25 26 27 28 29 30 July 1

At 6 A. M. 68° 74° 67° 74° 77° 76° 65°  
At Noon 91° 95° 80° 90° 102 86° 85°  
At 9 P. M. 74° 68° 65° 79° 76° 70° 66°

Monday, the 30th July, the hottest day  
in 50 years past, except one day in 1856.

## CENTRAL UNION PUBLIC SCHOOL,

## BLOOMFIELD.

After a two weeks examination, the  
closing exercises of the Grammar and  
High school department, as announced  
last week in the GAZETTE, took place on  
Tuesday afternoon. As the Trustees had  
given no official invitation to the public,  
there is no wonder that the President of  
the Board should express his surprise at  
the large audience assembled, which is at-  
tributable, no doubt, to our voluntary  
notice, and to the private invitations of the  
pupils themselves.

The printed programmes, for some un-  
known cause, not having been distributed,  
the Principal of the school, as director of  
the exhibition, had to announce the per-  
formances from a manuscript in his hand.  
This must explain omissions and imperfec-  
tions of our report.

The exercises comprised (in the omission  
of a public prayer, a metal, but no doubt  
heartfelt prayer from all clergymen and  
christians present, to Almighty God for  
his benedictions upon the institution, the  
trustees, teachers, pupils, and their parents,  
etc.; excellent vocal music, with accom-  
paniment; declamations, readings, dis-  
cussions, recitations, by the pupils. The  
performances were of various merit,  
though all deserve credit. If we were to  
particularize, it would be to award special  
merit to Master Samuel Miller who acquit-  
ted himself admirably in a difficult collo-  
quy, and to Miss Collins who read with ar-  
ticle clarity and fine expression.

The singing in this school is a notable  
and praiseworthy feature. Prof. Marshall,  
the instructor, gave an exhibition of his  
method, which demonstrated its excellence  
and his efficiency as a teacher.

The promotions were announced by the  
principal, but were too numerous for us to  
repeat them here.

Mr. E. W. Page, the President of the Board  
of Trustees, made an address in which he  
contrasted the present advantages of the  
public schools with the former, and old-  
time opportunities of children.

We listened in vain for the announce-  
ment of those who deserved special men-  
tion for studiousness, attainments, or  
worthy deportment. If our trustees doubt  
the expediency of distinguishing the dili-  
gent and the worthy, they may have good  
reasons, but our experience and convictions  
are in its favor.

The occasion was a very pleasant and  
enjoyable one.

The vacation will extend to the latter  
part of August. And if we are rightly in-  
formed Mr. Stockpole does not expect to  
return.

## THE FAMILY OF THE LATE JOSIAH W. CRANE.

The Family of the late Josiah W. Crane,  
of Montclair, had a reunion at the resi-  
dence of Mrs. James A. Hedden, (who is a  
grand-daughter,) last Thursday. There are  
ten children living, 8 sons and 2 daughters,  
81 grand-children and 13 great grand-  
children. A very pleasant afternoon and  
evening was spent, and so many of the  
family had not been together since Mr.  
and Mrs. Crane celebrated their golden  
wedding.

## MONTCLAIR.

## MONTCLAIR PUBLIC SCHOOL.

EXAMINATION.—For a week the various  
classes of this school had been under-  
going their annual examination according  
to the printed schedule circulated through  
the community. It is said by those who  
witnessed it to have been judicious and  
thorough, and in its results, highly sat-  
isfactory. One section of the High School,  
numbering three youth preparing for  
College, was sent to New Haven to be  
examined by the Professors of Yale Col-  
lege, which institution they intended to  
enter in the Fall, if they could stand that  
severe test. Having passed the trial  
well, they returned Saturday night with  
the gratifying intelligence of their accept-  
ance; an event of great credit to their  
accomplished instructors as well as to  
themselves; and an occasion of just pride,  
not to the families of these students alone,  
but to the town which has established and  
fostered a school of this high character.

The result vindicates the wisdom and  
liberality of our citizens, by this demon-  
stration of the capacity and efficiency of  
their Public School, under its present  
able Management.

AFTER DINNER, THE DESSERT—Wednes-  
day was the great festival day of the week.  
In the morning the Primary and Grammar  
Departments had their "closing exercises"  
at the school in presence of a consider-  
able audience of interested and gratified  
parents and friends. Among the visitors  
we noticed Rev. Mr. Maxwell, Rev. Dr.  
Berry, Prof. C. M. Davis, county super-  
intendent of schools, and C. Peloubet, the  
veteran School Trustee of Bloomfield.

The Recitations, Declamations and Read-  
ings in these departments, were very fine—  
the articulation was generally excellent  
and the pupils indicated an unusual un-  
derstanding of the authors meaning. The  
recitation of "The charcoal man" by a lad  
seven or eight years, we have hardly  
known exceeded by professed elocution-  
ists. Some prizes awarded in the Primary  
were distributed by Mr. J. H. Richards.

We were unable to get notes of the Gram-  
mar department which we were informed  
were highly creditable to all.

Mr. Gross, Principal of the school made  
HONORABLE MENTION of a large number  
of pupils, a list of whose names he pre-  
sented to the Trustees, as a just tribute  
to their punctuality of attendance. Mr.  
Wm. Jacobus, of the board of trustees  
responded in a happy address on the value  
of that trait of character. Mr. Thos.  
Porter, trustee, also made an impressive  
address, and distributed the prizes.

GRADUATING EXERCISES.—Wednesday  
evening was the grand finale of this liter-  
ary and academic season for Montclair at  
the Congregational church. A full house  
included the wealth and intelligence of  
our village. As the academic procession  
entered headed by the Trustees, Clergy-  
men and distinguished visitors, the band  
struck up. When all were seated and the  
sides filled, many being compelled to stand,  
the following programme was enacted in  
successive detail.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

Prayer. Overture.—Mazzanelli Solo.—Orchestra.  
Latin Salutatory.—Frederick Van Lennep.  
The Angel in the Marble.—Grace B. Seymour.  
Non Trans Moriamur.—Bessie K. Francis.  
Serenade.—Solo, French Horn.—Mr. Nickel.  
Charles Sumner.—Edw. A. Rayner.  
Trimes Make Perfumery.—Lizzie C. Meade.  
Natural Resources of N. J.—Jos. W. Spaulding.  
Section.—Solo.—Mr. Nickel.  
Madame De Stael.—Carrie S. Doremus.  
Glaciers.—Frances C. Goble.  
Just Appreciation of Time and Talent.—  
Lizzie L. Chittenden.  
Les Fauvettes.—Solo for two Piccolos.—  
Messrs. Goble & Eben.  
The Living Dead and the Dead Living.—  
Ruth C. Draper.  
Crystals.—Miss E. K. Tichenor.  
Lays of Solomon and Lycurgus.—  
Misses E. K. Hedden.  
Lied—"When the Swallows Homeward Fly".—  
Orchestra.  
Sacrifice, with Violatorio Address.—  
Ida L. Wilcox.  
Conferring of Diplomas.  
Address by Geo. H. Francis, Esq. President  
of the Board of Trustees.  
Singing of the Class Ode.  
Auld Lang Syne.—By the School.  
Selection—"Le Perichole".—Orchestra.

Fred. Van Lennep of Montclair, Edwin  
A. Rayner, of Bloomfield and Clarence E.  
Hedden of Verona, distinguished themselves  
not only by the part they took in the ex-  
ercise of the evening, but as having suc-  
cessfully passed the ordeal of a two days  
rigid examination for admission to Yale  
College.

We made special note of each perfor-  
mance but conclude not to particularize  
as all were in the highest degree praiseworthy.

The class consisted of thirteen, of age  
from sixteen to eighteen, as we should  
judge, eight being young ladies and five  
young gentlemen.

Their address was pleasing. Modest,  
self possessed; manners easy and graceful;  
composition of their pieces generally ac-  
curate, indicative of much thought and  
careful preparation, and the delivery ex-  
cellent with clear articulation.

We could not but think what a work  
the Principal of this school has wrought  
during the years these pupils have been  
under his educational care. He needs the  
qualities of a general, the conscious respon-  
sibility of an accountable steward, the ad-  
ministrative ability of a President, &c. In  
fact he needs to be a wonderful man, which  
Mr. Gross has proved himself to be.

THE ADDRESS OF MR. FRANCIS.

Class of 74: I congratulate you upon  
having completed your course in the Mont-  
clair High School.

I congratulate you upon the privileges  
which you have enjoyed and upon the good  
use you have made of these privileges.

This district has been liberal in furnish-  
ing the means for giving to all, the founda-  
tion of a good education.

Let me impress upon each one of you to  
beget upon this foundation a superstructure  
of science, such as will make you a bless-  
ing to any community in which your lot  
may be cast.

You have been favored with able and  
faithful teachers, who have been constant  
in their duties in season and out of season,  
inspired by that professional love which  
always grows the more ardent when be-  
stowed upon pupils as responsive as yours  
have been to its instructions.

You number 13, just the number of the  
original states of this Republic, which now  
stretches from the Atlantic to the Pacific.  
May your future influence be more wide-  
spread, limited by no boundaries of  
Country or Continent, and always for  
the good of humanity. In this hope we  
now bid you 13 Stars go forth and give  
their light to the world.

We are much gratified that three of you  
have passed a satisfactory examination and  
have been admitted at Yale College.

The people of Montclair may well feel  
proud of this proof of the solid work  
which is being done at our school.

You are now being addressed for the  
last time as pupils of the Montclair School.  
May the memory of the years which you  
have passed here, prove a Talmisan to each  
of you, keeping you unswayed by evil in-  
fluences and helping you to walk in the  
way which leadeth to glory and true  
honor.

In the name of the Principal and Trust-  
ees, I now present you with your Diplo-  
mas as graduates of the Montclair High  
School of the class of '74.

And now one word to our friends as to  
the future of this High School. Is it to  
have a future? There is as good talent  
left in this school as any that has just  
now graduated from it. If the High  
School is permitted to go on in the course  
which it has pursued of late years, it will  
number at the commencement of the Fall  
some 60 pupils. Will you allow  
these scholars because they have accom-  
plished the Elementary branches, reading,  
writing and arithmetic, to be turned  
from the doors of this institution? I think  
that common prudence and sagacity for-  
bid such a policy.

This is not the time to go into the dis-  
cussion of this subject, but I would re-  
mind you this evening that one month  
from now the question will be put to  
the voters in this district whether they  
will continue this school upon its pre-  
sent high standard or let it down to  
its former level, as a common Grammar  
and Primary school only, and turn from  
its doors the sixty pupils who are now  
seeking to continue their education on a  
higher plane which has been attained by  
them who have just graduated.

My graduates, excuse me for taking  
so much of your time. I know that your

We were unable to get notes of the Gram-  
mar department which we were informed  
were highly creditable to all.

Mr. Gross, Principal of the school made  
HONORABLE MENTION of a large number  
of pupils, a list of whose names he pre-  
sented to the Trustees, as a just tribute  
to their punctuality of attendance. Mr.  
Wm. Jacobus, of the board of trustees  
responded in a happy address on the value  
of that trait of character. Mr. Thos.  
Porter, trustee, also made an impressive  
address, and distributed the prizes.

## GRADUATING EXERCISES.—Wednesday

evening was the grand finale of this liter-  
ary and academic season for Montclair at  
the Congregational church. A full house  
included the wealth and intelligence of  
our village. As the academic procession  
entered headed by the Trustees, Clergy-  
men and distinguished visitors, the band  
struck up. When all were seated and the  
sides filled, many being compelled to stand,  
the following programme was enacted in  
successive detail.

## ORDER OF EXERCISES.

Prayer. Overture.—Mazzanelli Solo.—Orchestra.  
Latin Salutatory.—Frederick Van Lennep.  
The Angel in the Marble.—Grace B. Seymour.  
Non Trans Moriamur.—Bessie K. Francis.  
Serenade.—Solo, French Horn.—Mr. Nickel.  
Charles Sumner.—Edw. A. Rayner.  
Trimes Make Perfumery.—Lizzie C. Meade.  
Natural Resources of N. J.—Jos. W. Spaulding.  
Section.—Solo.—Mr. Nickel.  
Madame De Stael.—Carrie S. Doremus.  
Glaciers.—Frances C. Goble.  
Just Appreciation of Time and Talent.—  
Lizzie L. Chittenden.  
Les Fauvettes.—Solo for two Piccolos.—  
Messrs. Goble & Eben.  
The Living Dead and the Dead Living.—  
Ruth C. Draper.  
Crystals.—Miss E. K. Tichenor.  
Lays of Solomon and Lycurgus.—  
Misses E. K. Hedden.  
Lied—"When the Swallows Homeward Fly".—  
Orchestra.  
Sacrifice, with Violatorio Address.—  
Ida L. Wilcox.  
Conferring of Diplomas.  
Address by Geo. H. Francis, Esq. President  
of the Board of Trustees.  
Singing of the Class Ode.  
Auld Lang Syne.—By the School.  
Selection—"Le Perichole".—Orchestra.

Fred. Van Lennep of Montclair, Edwin  
A. Rayner, of Bloomfield and Clarence E.  
Hedden of Verona, distinguished themselves  
not only by the part they took in the ex-  
ercise of the evening, but